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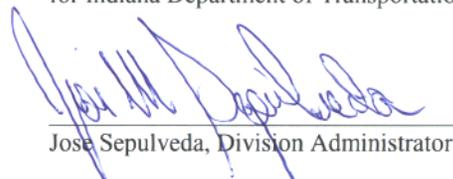
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This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) describes the preferred alternative and alternatives eliminated from further consideration to improve cross-river mobility between Jefferson County, Kentucky, and Clark County, Indiana. The preferred alternative is a two bridges/highway alternative along with transportation management (TM) enhancements. It includes provisions of a new Ohio River bridge between downtown Louisville, KY and Jeffersonville, IN immediately upstream and adjacent to the existing I-65 bridge (C-1); and a second new Ohio River bridge, approximately eight miles upstream of the existing I-65 crossing, that provides connections in the eastern part of Jefferson and Clark Counties between I-265 in Kentucky and Indiana (A-15). The preferred alternative also provides for the relocation of the Kennedy interchange (Interstates I-65, I-64, and I-71) near downtown Louisville and reconstruction of I-65 and the Court Street interchange in Jeffersonville, IN.

The Final EIS provides information presented in the Draft EIS (November 2, 2001), responds to public and agency comments regarding social, economic, and environmental issues, and describes the selection of the preferred alternative. Important issues include potential impacts to wetlands, land use and development, aesthetics, cultural resources, and Section 4(f) properties.

Comments on this EIS are due by June 25, 2003 and should be sent to the individuals listed above.

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